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RESPONSE A

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 5, line 28 to read as follows:

--Commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/939,196 and 09/939,212, filed on an even date herewith, are directed to somewhat related subject matter. The disclosure of each of these co-pending U.S. applications is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.--